

09/937851  
Patent

Attorney's Docket No. 003300-852

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
	)	
SHOAA ABDUL RAHMAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: (unassigned)
	)	
Application No.: 09/937,851	)	Examiner: (unassigned)
	)	
Filed: September 28, 2001	)	
	)	
For: A PROCESS FOR STERILIZING A	)	
BIOLOGICALLY CONTAMINATED	)	
ENCLOSURE	)	
	)	
	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56,  
Applicants submit information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

When this Patent Application was filed in unsigned form on September 28, 2001, a  
copy of the International Search Report dated July 21, 2000 was provided.

A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report dated April 19, 2001  
now is provided, as well as copies of the six (6) items cited in the International Search  
Report. The six items were placed in the "A" category as "defining the general state of the  
art which is not considered to be of particular relevance". In the International Preliminary  
Examination Report claims were found to satisfy criteria for novelty, inventive step and  
industrial applicability.

For the convenience of the Examiner a form PTO-1449 is attached that lists the above items. It is requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once these items are considered.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: Benton S. Duffett Jr.  
Benton S. Duffett, Jr.  
Registration No. 22,030

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

Date: December 4, 2001

